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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL

LONDON.—F. ALDAS, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C.; GEORGE STRAKER, CO., 80, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, 16, Queen's Square, E.C.; RATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C.; SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROY, 19, Rue Monceau, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 183, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SALE & CO., Singapore, C. HEINZERL, Co., Manila.

CHINA.—MEESEN, MEESEN & CO., AMTOP, NELSON, NICHOLLS & CO., FREDERIC HEDGE & CO., SHANGHAI, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, YOKOHAMA, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

## Banks.

### COMPTOIR DES COMPTES DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1843.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 20TH APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....\$3,200,000.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE,  
PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:  
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,  
MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,  
LYON, CALCUTTA, HAWKES,  
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FUZHOU,  
MELBOURNE.

LONDON BANKERS;  
THE BANK OF ENGLAND,  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Credits and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VUILLEMONT,  
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1880.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....\$200,000.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$100,000.  
Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG  
transacts Drafts on London and the  
Chief Commercial places in Europe and the  
East, and receives for collection Bills  
of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of  
Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON  
DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per  
annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 6 per cent. per annum.  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

WILLIAM FOREST,  
Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars  
RESERVE FUND.....\$1,000,000 Dollars

Agents.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWAN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKING—London and County  
Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Fixed Deposit at the rate  
of 8 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

For Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 6 per cent. per annum.  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Locally Banks Discouraged.

Credits granted on Approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Agents located on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

## Banks.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON  
DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " " 4% "

" 12 " " 5% "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which  
may be learnt on application.

Geo. O. SCOTT,  
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

We have established a BRANCH of  
our FIRM in HONGKONG, and have  
authorized Mr. P. Z. MARTIN to sign  
the Name of our FIRM from THIS DAY, the  
20th September, 1880.

M. MARTIN & Co.,  
Stanley Street, Hongkong.

Calcutta, 20th September, 1880. sc28

### NOTICE.

The Undersigned have been appointed  
Sole Agents of the ELLIOTT'S  
METAL COMPANY, Birmingham, for  
Hongkong and China.

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Hongkong, Sept. 13, 1880. del18

### FOR SALE.

JUST LANDED,  
Ex FRENCH MAIL STEAMER "Irascibility,"  
AND FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

An Invoice of Very Superior and Gen-  
uine HAVANA CIGARS from the  
Manufactury of Messrs VILLAR Y VILLAR.  
"REGALIA DE LA REINA," "PRINCEPS"  
and "PRINCIPES" in Boxes of 100 each.

Also,

DIRECT FROM THE  
"GRANDE MAGASIN DU LOUVRE":  
Ladies' Handbags and Richly Trimmed  
HATS and Bonnets. Children's HATS and  
CAPS. FICHUS, Muslin CRAVATS,  
TIES, COLLAR and CUFFS—all of the  
Latest Style.

Also,  
DIRECT FROM THE  
"GRANDE MAGASIN DU LOUVRE":  
Ladies' Handbags and Richly Trimmed  
HATS and Bonnets. Children's HATS and  
CAPS. FICHUS, Muslin CRAVATS,  
TIES, COLLAR and CUFFS—all of the  
Latest Style.

A Variety of Highly Scented PER-  
FUME, TOOTH BRUSHES, BATH and  
TOILET SPONGES, SCISSORS, NE-  
CESSARIES, SCENT BOTTLES, &c., &c.

Also,

An Invoice of a great Variety of Highly  
Scented "ORIA" PERFUME, HAIR  
OIL, POMADE, VIOLET POWDER,  
DETERGENT, TOILET SOAPS, &c., &c.

Also,  
DIRECT FROM THE  
"GRANDE MAGASIN DU LOUVRE":  
Ladies' Handbags and Richly Trimmed  
HATS and Bonnets. Children's HATS and  
CAPS. FICHUS, Muslin CRAVATS,  
TIES, COLLAR and CUFFS—all of the  
Latest Style.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Sept. 18, 1880. sc25

TO LET.

COAL GODOWNS—TO LET.

BURROWS' GODOWNS, Nos. 43, 56  
and 64, PRAYA EAST; with Private  
WHARF.

THE GODOWNS, Nos. 111, 111A and  
113, WANCI ROAD.

Apply to

STEMMSEN & Co.,  
Hongkong, September 18, 1880.

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR and Ground FLOOR  
of House No. 4, Praya East (known  
as the Blue House); Postmaster on the  
1st of October.

Apply to

MEYER & Co.,  
Hongkong, September 2, 1880.

TO LET.

ON MARBLE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS  
GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to

MEYER & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

TO LET.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Hongkong, August 14, 1880.

TO LET.

NO. 8, HORNWOOD ROAD, containing  
Eight Rooms and Out-Houses.

Apply to

DAVID SASHOON, Sons & Co.,  
Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

TO LET.

CHAS. J. GAUPE & Co.,  
CHRONOMETRE, WATCH, and CLOCK  
MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVERSMITHS,  
AND OPTICIAN.

Have been appointed Sole Agents for  
VONZELLAER and Son's Celebrated MA-  
RINE GLASSSES, OPERA GLASSES,  
and TELESCOPES.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHIERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now  
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Hongkong, December 4, 1880. no4

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00.

COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW,  
By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH,  
Shanghai and Hongkong, at Lanes,  
CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the  
China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

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WASHIERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
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CHINA MAIL Office.

Hongkong, December 4, 1880. no4

## For Sale.

### KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
H. Hall's "International Law," illus., \$2.00

Edgar's "West Indies," 1.00  
Goldschmidt's "Outline of Field Ge-  
ology," 1.00

Wood's "Trade Primer," 1.00  
Wood's "Trade Planter," 1.00  
Sergeant's "Modern Greece," 1.00  
Forbes' "Glycopes through the  
Cannon Smoke," 2.50

Craig's "Encyclopaedia of Civil  
Engineering," 9.00  
Hulme's "Familiar Wild Flowers," 4.00  
"Youatt on the Horse," 3.00  
"Senior's Travels and Tours in the  
Antipodes," 2.00

"The Centenary Teachers' Bible," 1.00  
"Our Sons and what to make of  
them," 1.00  
"Counsel to a Mother," 50  
"Handy Book Synonyms," 50  
Nicholson's "Zoology," 4.00  
Windsor & Newton's "Handbook,"  
oil and water colour painting, ea., 3.00

Hongkong, September 14, 1880.

## For Sale.

### Intimations.

#### NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Fifth Ordinary General MEETING  
of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held  
at the HEAD OFFICE, Shanghai, on TUES-  
DAY, the 25th instant, at Half-past Two  
o'clock p.m., for the presentation of  
Report and Accounts for the Half-Year  
ending 30th June, 1880.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

# THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 5364.—SEPTEMBER 28, 1880.]

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## For Sale.

**SEASON 1880.**  
**MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.**  
WILL RECEIVE  
by  
NEXT AMERICAN MAIL,  
their first  
EXTENSIVE SUPPLY  
of  
EXCELLENT  
AMERICAN STORES,  
for  
THE COMING COOL SEASON.

The Mail is due about the 28th instant.

**JUST LANDED,**  
FOR THE SPORTING SEASON,  
FOWLING PIECES.  
An Invoice of  
Messrs P. WEILERS' 12-bore BRECH LOAD-  
ING CENTRAL FIRE GUNS.  
Messrs WARD & SONS' 12-bore CENTRAL  
FIRE BRECH LOADING HAMMERLESS  
AND SELF-COOKING GUNS.  
GREEN CARTRIDGE CASES.  
HARD AND SOFT WADS.

**THE following Additional STOCK of**  
BOOKS,  
USEFUL, INTERESTING & AMUSING.

"*Funny Foreigners*."  
Shakespeare's "*Boudoir*," 3 Vols.  
"*Animals Painted by Themselves*."  
"Birthday Autograph Books," with Co-  
loured Plates.  
Jules Verne's "*Works*," Complete.  
"Visit to Japan, China and India."  
"Sleepy Sketches."  
"Leaves from a Sketch Book."  
"The Shilling History of England."  
Bacon's "*Essays*."  
"The Study of Rocks."  
Sullivan's "*Spelling Books*."  
"The Art of Teaching Young Minds."  
Milton's "*Paradise Regained*."  
"Every Man in his Humour."  
Gleig's "*School Series*."  
"The Elements of Economics."  
"The Elements of Banking."  
"Studies in Double Entry Book Keeping."  
"Progressive Exercises in Book Keeping"  
and Key.  
"Elements of Mechanic's Designs."  
"The Puzzles of Life."  
Wood's "Strange Dwellings."  
Presser's "Telegraphy."  
"A Treatise on Photography."  
"Ball's" "Astronomy."  
"Nautical Astronomy and Navigation."  
"Diction of Roman and Greek Antiquities."  
Harting's "*The Sea*."  
Harting's "*Subterranean World*."  
"Manual of Scripture History."  
"A Complete Course of French Language."  
"The Child's Latin Accidence."  
"The Child's Latin Primer."  
"Public School Latin Primer."  
"Public School Latin Grammar."  
"New English and Latin Dictionary."  
"Subsidia Primaria."  
"German Chat Chat."  
"History of English Language and Litera-  
ture."  
"Biography Exemplary."  
Copy Books.  
SCHOOL ATLAS.  
"Physical Geography."  
"Leading Events in English History."  
"Historical Questions and Answers."  
"Algebra Theoretical and Practical," with  
Key.  
"Algebra Exercises and Problems."  
"Explicit Euclid and Key."  
"Inorganic Chemistry."  
"Practical Chemistry."  
"Electricity," by Dr. Ferguson.  
"Vegetable Physiology."  
"Animal Physiology."  
"Elementary Mechanics."  
"Sketches of Animal Life."  
"Analogy of Religion."  
Chambers' "Information for the People."  
Chambers' "Miscellany," 10 Vols.  
Chambers' "Papers for the People," 6 Vols.  
Readers' Book of Illusions."  
Balzac's "*The Comédie Humaine*."  
"Beautiful Pictures," 2 Vols.  
Blake's "Etchings."  
"Observations on Popular Antiquities."  
"Harter's Select Works."  
Colman's "Humorous Works."  
"Golden Treasury of Thought."  
"The House of Life."  
Jenning's "*Rosicrucians*."  
Lamb's "Complete Works."  
"Practical Notes on Wine."  
"Evolution of Human Race."  
"The Lady's Guide."  
"The Indian Medicine Book."  
"Manu J of Practical Anatomy."  
"Observation on Treatment of Cholera."  
"Domestic Management."  
"English Spelling and Spelling Rules."  
"English Infused Words."  
"Thin, a Lady would like to Know."  
"Caledonia."  
Josephus' "Complete Works."  
"Nature Pictures."  
"Other Men's Minds."  
"The Modern Playmate."  
"Home Book for Young Ladies."  
Towson's "Manual of Dates."  
"Humorous Sketches."  
"Old Pictures in New Frames."  
"The Broad Ocean."  
"Treasures of the Earth."  
"Papier's "Duty and Correspondence."  
"Labour, Cities, and Islands of England."  
Sheridan's "Complete Works."  
etc., etc., etc., dr.

Hongkong, September 22, 1880.

## Mails.

**NOTICE.**  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES,  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;  
ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th September,  
1880, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. PEIHO, Commandant PELLERIN,  
with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPORCE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Spots will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Nov. 1.

Cargo will be received on board until  
3 p.m. on the 24th September, 1880. Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, September 15, 1880. no25

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.**

TAKING THRU CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL  
and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. GABRIEL will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama, on  
SATURDAY, the 25th Inst., 1880, at  
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central  
and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 24th September. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all PARCEL PACKAGE  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A RETURN is made on RETURN PAS-  
SENGERS TO THE COLLECTOR OF CUS-  
TOMS, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or  
Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr.,  
Agent.

Hongkong, September 22, 1880. no25



MITI BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE  
AND INLAND SEA.

THE S. S. SUMIDA MARU, Captain  
dine here on or about the  
27th Instant, will be despatched as above  
on SATURDAY, the 2nd October, at  
Daylight.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at  
the Office up to 6 p.m. of 1st October.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2  
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board  
before delivery is taken, otherwise they  
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To KOBE....Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15.  
YOKOHAMA & NAGOYA...Do. \$75. Do. 20.  
NAGASAKI...Do. 25.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN  
PASSAGES.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki  
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail  
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office, No. 60, QUEEN'S  
ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, September 20, 1880. no22



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERNEAN PORTS, SOUTH  
AMERICA, AND LONDON;

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY's Steamship  
LONDARY, Capt. ADAMSON, will have  
this on WEDNESDAY, the 6th October,  
at 4 p.m.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. MOLVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 20, 1880. no20

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Underwriters are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent to  
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

## Insurances.

**YANGTZE INSURANCE  
ASSOCIATION.**

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up)...Th. 420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Th. 230,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Th. 263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-  
UMULATIONS, 8th April, 1880.....Th. 913,283

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

W. M. BOYD, Esq., WM. MCKEEVER, Esq.

J. H. PINCKEVES, Esq.

E. D. HURCH, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
MESSRS RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:  
MESSRS BARING BROTHERS & Co.,  
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,  
68 and 69 Cornhill.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all  
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12% for Interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits  
of the Underwriting Business are an-  
nually distributed among all Contributors  
of Business in proportion to the Premium  
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 11, 1880. 1000

**CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Position of the Company at the close of the  
last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.00  
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$800,000.00  
RESERVE FUND.....\$425,000.00  
BALANCE UNDIVIDED.....\$70,278.43

DIVIDEND PAID TO SHARE-  
HOLDERS.....20% per annum.  
DIVIDEND PAID TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS  
OF BUSINESS, 25% on the amount of  
their Contributions.

THIS Company grants Policies on MARINE  
Risks to all parts of the World, pay-  
able at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are PAYABLE  
TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSI-  
NESS WHETHER THEY ARE SHARE-  
HOLDERS OR NOT.

B. GOLDSMITH,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 13, 1880.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1803.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which paid up £1,000,000

Reserve Fund up to £120,000

Annual Income £260,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurance at current rates.

MARINE Department.

Policies issued at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

FIRE Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

LIFE Department.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

**ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surance at current rates.

MILCHER & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,  
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.**

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbours, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for LIFE Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1881.

## Insurances.

**LONDON & STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE  
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

## THE CHINA MAIL.

holders to shew cause why they should not pay certain fines of \$100 inflicted on tenants of theirs for gambling, in default, summary dictat on their goods and chattels to issue. The sitting Magistrate, Mr Ng Choy, dismissed both the Summons. In 1873, a case of a nearly similar nature, was heard before the late Hon. G. May and the defendants, being unable to show, in face of the Ord., any cause the necessary order was made and the money recovered. The defendant in that case appealed, and the case was fully argued before the Supreme Court, which upheld the Magistrate's decision. The Police Authorities will, we presume, take the present case before the Supreme Court on appeal.

## THE THREAT NED TYPHOON.

Hongkong would now appear to have been delivered from a threatened typhoon.

To day, what were believed to be signs of the approach of a typhoon of much severity were watched by all with growing interest, which was heightened towards noon, when at about 11.40 the typhoon gun was fired. The wind was pretty high and it has been gusty and rainy the whole day, a state of the weather which does not improve as we write at 6 p.m.: The whole of the vessels in the harbour have taken every precaution to meet the danger which threatened, and although the weather-wise assure us that the danger of which we were advised has passed, they are all acting on the safe principle of being prepared for the worst. The steamers Bombay, China (German), Quinto, Wells, White Cloud, Tottung, the Kiukiang, and the steamer Fane, have anchored near Stonecutters' Island, and the Fables the Douglas and the Luerts at Fu-tu-chow. There was no Macao boat, and the Manila steamer advertised did not leave. The steam-launches have all cleared over to Chin-wan Bay, and other places at shelter. The Gadic had taken down all her yards, and the French mail steamer and several others their topsails. During the night all the vessels had been letting out more chain or dropping extra anchors. They are, having been so fairly forewarned as they have been, now prepared for any big blow that may yet arise and with steam up at a moment's notice are virtually pretty nearly safe. The harbour was a scene of great liveliness during the day, when all were astir and when the sampans were all ordered off to their usual place of protection. On shore the usual precautions were taken to save property that could be protected. These are the astronomical readings at Mr Noble's since 7.30 a.m.:

7.30 a.m.	29.680
9 " "	29.700
10 " "	29.655
11 " "	29.652
11.30 " "	29.652
12 noon " "	29.652
1 p.m. "	29.652
2 " "	29.650
3 " "	29.630
4 " "	29.600
5 " "	29.580

At noon the Barometer was falling fast, and the Hygrometer showed an unusual depression (77.) as against the Dry Bulb (83). At 5 o'clock, the Hygrometer reading was 76.5 wet, and dry 80. The difference at one time to day of the wet and dry bulb of the Hygrometer, at the Harbour Master's Office, was 11. That we shall have a heavy gale to-night or to-morrow there can be no manner of doubt, but there is little immediate, fear, we believe of a typhoon of severety that was apprehended. The typhoon of which he heard travelling in this direction from the north end of Lantau has passed away, probably, more to the Eastward, and may be that for which Amoy was preparing according to the weather reports to hand thence to-day. It is well, however, to be prepared, and it behoves every one to be in the utmost state of readiness. The gale is rising as we go to press, and there may be considerable work for the Humane Society yet in preventing the loss of life from a severe gale. We note that the Society musters at 8 p.m.

## PIRATIC ATTACK AT MACAO.

From the *Boletim do Governo* of the 18th Sept. we find a report from the Commander of the Taipa Fort relative to a piratical attack on the previous day, and the capture of most of the pirates. A junk, with ten oars, having thirteen Chinese on board, it appears, passed the Taipa Fort about 1.30 p.m. of the 17th. As she was steering towards the Praia Grande, she was hailed from the Fort. An answer was given, but the junk passed on. Two blank cartridges were fired at the junk, with the only result that two extra oars were manned and the junk made for the Bugio Canal. The junk was then fired upon, and measures for pursuit were taken; when the junk turned round D. João Island towards Chi-qui-wan. The pursuing boat reached land a few minutes after the pirates, the boat's company consisting of two officers, four privates and seven loongs. On landing, this officer learnt that the Chinese in the junk were pirates, and that they were then robbing a house. This house was immediately set upon, and two of the pirates were round concealed under a bed. The junk was also secured. A search was then made for the other eleven pirates, and the two officers and four soldiers succeeded in capturing seven more, after a pursuit over the hills—the four remaining pirates apparently having escaped. One of the soldiers had a narrow escape, having been wounded by a fall; he was hard pressed by one of the pirates, and was saved by the timely arrival of Ensign Almeida, who brained the pirate with the butt end of a gun. While the small

force was returning, the four remaining pirates appear to have plucked up courage and commenced a rifle fire, which fortunately did no damage. Meanwhile assistance had been signalled towards Macao from Fort Taipa; and an armed force proceeded to the scene of the pirate's firing party. Spite of the assistance of the natives of the village, however, the four pirates could not be found; and the force retired. The nine pirates captured were handed over to the Governor, to be dealt with, and the junk it was supposed would prove useful at Taipa, as it was described to be "of good wood." Three lances, three shields, a quantity of shot, three iron cartridges, eight rifles and one pistol were found on board the junk.

## Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. M. S. Tenney.)

Thursday, Sept. 23.

10th September, of keeping an agency for dealing in lottery tickets, and the imposition of a fine of \$ 100.

Mr Denney objected to the witness giving evidence of the conviction, and fine, which could be proved by the records of the Court.

## Objection overruled.

Inspector Cradock proved that the present defendant was the registered householder of the house in question. In that extract the man who was fined was entered as the tenant.

Cross-examined.—To the best of his belief they were still in gaol undergoing their term of imprisonment in default of paying their fine. He did not hear the adjudicating Magistrate say anything about the fine was paid, and so far as he knew their code had not been contravened. In his knowledge no man had been taken to receive the fine from Lee Ping Leung, and he understood he was still in gaol.

Lee Ping Leung admitted the conviction; he had not paid the fine and was now in gaol. The defendant was the landlady of the house.

W. Goulbourn, clerk of the gaol, produced the committal warrant and proved the conviction.

Lee Ping Leung, in cross-examination, said he did not know whether his goods and chattels had been distrained or not. He did not intend to pay the fine and was willing to undergo two months' imprisonment.

Mr Denney objected to the householder being called upon to shew cause, and said the Magistrate had no power to have the same.

## Objected overruled.

The Magistrate said the master lay with the magistrate to order the prisoner to go to gaol, in default of paying his fine, or to dismiss. The prisoner under the sentence passed had the right to go to gaol.

## Case dismissed.

(Before the Hon. Ng Choy.)

Sang Ainan, carpenter, was charged with the unlawful possession of a quantity of prepared opium without a permit from the Opium Farm.

Mr Weston appeared for the defendant and Mr Strode (of Messrs Sharp Tollee and John) for the Opium Farmer.

Lading Achit, trader in rice, &c., carrying on business at Soing-poo, was charged with the same offence.

Objected overruled.

The Magistrate said the master lay with the magistrate to order the prisoner to go to gaol, in default of paying his fine, or to dismiss. The prisoner under the sentence passed had the right to go to gaol.

## Case dismissed.

(Before the Hon. Ng Choy.)

Tsang Asau, and Tang Achan, two stone-cutters, were charged with unlawfully administering some stupefying drug to the complainant, Lal Mui Chai, a boatman, on the 21st. The case was remanded till ten o'clock to-morrow, bail in \$200 each.

Lee Ping Leung, in cross-examination, said he did not know whether his goods and chattels had been distrained or not. He did not intend to pay the fine and was willing to undergo two months' imprisonment.

Mr Santos deposited to finding with the constable three tin boxes and seven horn boxes of opium. Witnesses also found a brass pan and strainer outside in the passage. The brass pan appeared to have been used for boiling opium. There was altogether about fifty taels of opium found in the defendant's room. He produced three certificates, put in. He asked the defendant where he got such a quantity of opium. He said some of it was bought from the Opium Farm, the rest was bad opium which he had for years. When any one bought opium at the Farm, witness explained, he got a certificate stating the amount bought, the price, the name and number of the shop, and the stamp of the Man Wo Fung. The certificates the defendant produced were dated three months ago.

The Police Constable who executed the warrant gave positive evidence as to finding the opium.

This was the case in which Mr Weston objected to Mr Ng Man Kwan being examined as an expert, and the objection was allowed, the other day.

Mr Stokoe now called the following evidence.

DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.

William Uriza, of Amoy, unemployed, was charged with being drunk and incapable on the 23rd inst.; he was cautioned and discharged.

PERMITTING GAMBLING.

Cheung Sui Mui, registered householder of house No. 59, Stanley Street, was charged with unlawfully, on the 8th September, permitting divers persons to play with a place kept for public gambling, on the ground floor of No. 59, Stanley Street.

Inspector Cradock said, the defendant is charged with permitting gambling under Sec. 4 of 1878, that is, Pak Kok Lin lottery. To be carried on, on the ground floor of her house No. 59, Stanley Street. It was kept by Li Ping Leung who was the party applied to the Consul for an appeal. The Consul who knew substantially what was wanted, therefore ought to put him in the right way of proceeding. The Consul ought to say "well if you find fault with my decision, the proceedings which you take may take so and so," and ought to put the party aggrieved in the right way of proceeding. His Lordship was, therefore, disposed to think that it was quite within the equity of the Order, if he might use such a term, and common justice of the Order, for the Consul to say "what were the grounds of appeal?" which was his decision. Rule 332 and 333 provided that the application for a special case should state shortly the grounds on which the appellant considered the conviction erroneous.

If Drummond agreed that that was so, it would be necessary for the Consul to apply to a Provincial Court, should, within forty-eight hours, to state the grounds of appeal and set forth matters of law without being able to get legal advice it would very often be impossible to further the ends of justice.

His Lordship said a man might be unable to even read or write, and unless he had a fair opportunity of obtaining advice he would not be able to obtain redress. Although Mr Scott might not have said in actual words, in applying for leave to appeal, "I want a special case"; yet he practically meant it.

Mr Drummond said that the Consul could only refuse it on the ground that the application was frivolous, and if Mr Giles concurred it would be thrown forward to that Court a report of the sentence, with a copy of the minutes of proceedings and notes of evidence, etc., etc. on the 11th he was not present, he did not know what he considered the application frivolous.

His Lordship thought the Consul could not have been acquainted with the provisions of the Order in Council.

Mr Drummond said that was only too plainly apparent.

His Lordship rejoiced that it was only the Consul to the Council to say that, because the provisions of the Order in Council had been present to his mind at the time, he would have escaped the mistake. It was only fair to assume that, as the best of us were liable to error.

Mr Drummond pointed out that section 146 of the Order in Council required a record of the proceedings to be sent to the Supreme Court in the event of an application for an appeal being refused; and that had not been done. That was an important matter and was too often ignored in practice.

Mr Drummond had not set forth any grounds as he did not present apply for a special case. He had simply followed the course of applying for a record of the proceedings to be sent up as required by law.

His Lordship—Ought you not to state the grounds of appeal?

Mr Drummond replied that if His Lordship thought it desirable to state the grounds of appeal, he was quite willing that there should be no order made upon the first application. He (the learned counsel) merely wished that the Consul should be ordered to send up a complete record to that Court forthwith. It was what the Consul should have done, without any process from that Court. It was impossible to state the grounds of appeal until it was known officially what the record contained.

His Lordship—You say you are not sufficiently acquainted with the circumstances of the case to state the grounds of appeal?

Mr Drummond—not to state them properly. I can do so in general terms; but if your Lordship thinks it requires that some ground should be stated, I shall be quite willing to have the matter adjourned, and

case dismissed.

## ANOTHER OF THE SAME.

Obeng Sui Mui, a widow, 33, of Canton, was charged similarly in respect of a fine of \$100 imposed on Lee Ping Leung, a resident in the house of which the present defendant is the registered owner, house No. 59, Stanley Street. Mr Denney argued for the defendant.

Inspector Cradock proved the conviction of the defendant, with another man, on the

10th September, of keeping an agency for dealing in lottery tickets, and the imposition of a fine of \$ 100.

Mr Denney objected to the witness giving evidence of the conviction, and fine, which could be proved by the records of the Court.

## Objection overruled.

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W. Goulbourn, clerk of the gaol, produced the committal warrant and proved the conviction.

Lee Ping Leung, in cross-examination, said he did not know whether his goods and chattels had been distrained or not. He did not intend to pay the fine and was willing to undergo two months' imprisonment.

Mr Denney objected to the householder being called upon to shew cause, and said the Magistrate had no power to have the same.

## Objected overruled.

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